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SWANSON EARLY  
IN THE FIELD

United States Senator Claude A.  
Swanson is a candidate for renomina-  
tion as the Democratic candidate  
for the Senate in the Democratic pri-  
mary to be held in August. He has  
already given formal official notice  
of his candidacy and filed the fee re-  
quired of entrants in such a cam-  
paign. A primary may be unnecessary,  
in which event the Democratic  
State Central committee will at the  
expiration of the time limit for filing  
notice, meet and formally declare Mr.  
Swanson the party candidate for an-  
other term in the position he now  
holds as choice of the people of Vir-  
ginia.

The Danville Register says:

As the months pass, it becomes in-  
creasingly improbable that any one  
will contest with him for the party  
nomination. Vainly have his unyield-  
ing opponents sought to induce some  
other aspirant to announce himself.  
The honor of being defeated by Mr.  
Swanson has been "passed up" from  
one to another until it now remains  
unsought, unacceptable, a confession  
of inability to defeat the incumbent.  
As a further concession of the improb-  
ability of inducing any one to aspire  
against Mr. Swanson in the primaries,  
the anti-Swanson element calling  
themselves Democrats and apparently  
confined chiefly to Washington, have  
for two months openly courted coali-  
tion with the Republicans in support  
of the candidacy of an anti-Swanson  
Democrat. Even with this enticement  
no Democrat has whispered a desire  
to become such a coalition candidate,  
such an unblushing political apostate.

Summing up the entire situation, it  
seems probable that Mr. Swanson  
will be unopposed for his party's  
nomination, and that if he have any  
opposition from the Republicans and  
irregulars, singly or in combination,  
it will be but a perfunctory opposi-  
tion which will result in defeat and  
political damnation for the apostate.

In our judgment, this is eminently as  
it should be. Mr. Swanson has made  
an efficient, acceptable and influential  
senator. No fault can be found with  
his service. He has attained a posi-  
tion and prestige which will make  
him much more valuable to his State  
and party and to his country than  
any new man would be. His record is  
clean and creditable. He has smashed  
the old tradition that no governor  
of Virginia has been subsequently  
elected to the Senate. On the contrary  
he won the honor on his merits after  
the expiration of his gubernatorial  
term. No man without ability and  
character could so command the sup-  
port of a close congressional dis-  
trict for ten years, then of the Demo-  
crats of Virginia in his aspiration  
for the governorship and finally of  
the Virginia Democracy as a can-  
didate for senator.

The conclusion is inevitable that  
the bitter, persistent and unrelenting

hostility of an impotent minority of  
the Virginia Democracy is attribut-  
able to an unworthy prejudice, a  
petty jealousy or some unworthy feel-  
ing. It is a trite phrase, but quite  
apropos, that envy wounds itself in  
aiming at others.

DECLINE OF  
THE HOME.

A movement "back to the Bible" is  
quite as important, says Secretary  
of the Navy Daniels, as "back to  
the farm." Neglect of the Bible and  
a decline in the authority and in-  
fluence of the home are twins causes  
of much loss of moral fiber and  
of much of the extravagance and  
abuse of liberty so characteristic of  
our day. The lawless gangs of boys  
prevailing in so many of our cities  
the strikes among school children, of  
grammar as well as of high school  
age, constitute an indictment of  
the home for failing to live up to its  
responsibilities.

The condition is not confined to this  
country. The Austrian government  
some time ago had to take strong ac-  
tion against a curious revolutionary  
movement among school boys in Vi-  
enna. A "culture club," so-called,  
which had existed privately among  
boys of sixteen years of age, and  
over, became so large that the gov-  
ernment was applied to for permission  
to put the club on a legal basis. On  
reading their constitution, the officials  
were horrified to find that the first  
article provided for the abolition of  
the home, members being enjoined to  
put pressure on their parents so as  
to obtained flats for themselves. The  
boys also proposed to elect their  
school teachers and to dismiss un-  
popular teachers, and suggestions  
were invited for up-to-date substitu-  
tes for such institutions as the home  
and the school!

The minister of education, it is said  
knew only too well what the boys  
meant by "putting pressure" on their  
parents, as Vienna parents are often  
bullied into acceding to the wishes of  
their children by threats of suicide.  
There was a case where "pressure"  
was needed but it ought to have been  
"pressure" of the rod in the hands of  
the parents. If parents can't govern  
their children, it is not surprising  
that we have strikes and revolution-  
ary clubs among school children, and  
outlawry and anarchy in the State.  
It is time we were getting back to  
the Bible, the home and other first  
principles.

USELESS  
AIR RAIDS.

During the week ending April 1,  
the German air raiders destroyed  
many houses and killed and wounded  
200 persons in England, but as usu-  
al did practically no military damage.  
Yet the commander of a Zeppelin  
brought down by shell fire into the  
Thames estuary declared that the  
object of all the air-raids was purely  
military and protested indignantly  
that the "accidental" killing of wo-  
men and children was no part of the  
plan. When his captors assured him  
that the wrecking of dwelling houses  
and the killing of non-combatants  
were the only results he refused to  
believe them. After an air raid, it  
seems, all Germany believes that mu-  
nition factories have been destroyed  
and fortifications damaged, while  
all England asserts that no such  
military damage has been done.

Surely if much damage of this  
sort were done, it could not be kept  
secret. But even if much of it were  
done, could the gain from this sort  
of "frightfulness" outweigh the loss?  
To say nothing of the horror and dis-  
approval of the outside world, the  
slaughter of women and children  
from the sky can not fail to fill the  
English people with the sort of grief  
and rage that crowds the recruiting  
offices and strengthens a nation in  
its resolution to fight to the last ditch.  
Apparently Germany is gaining little  
or nothing and losing much by war-  
fare in this new and horrible form.  
Can the Germans be under the delu-  
sion that they can really terrify and  
dishearten the English in this man-  
ner?

THE GROWING  
DIVORCE EVIL.

Disposing of a calendar of thirty  
undefended divorce cases, Supreme  
Court Justice Crane, in Brooklyn,  
yesterday decried the conditions which  
made it possible for such circumstan-  
ces to exist.

"There would not be so many di-  
vorce cases if the offenders were to  
be put in jail," he said. "There is a  
law on the statute books which says  
plainly that offenders of this type  
are guilty of a misdemeanor. Yet  
they are never punished."

Most actions for divorce are based  
upon the charge of desertion, and  
so long as such conditions exist the  
number of cases will continue to  
grow. In many instances men leave  
the state when they desire to break  
their marriage vows, and their wives  
often unable to locate the de-

fects, institute suits for divorce. There  
should be some way by which re-  
creants could be arrested wherever  
they may be and returned to their  
former homes and given the prefer-  
ence of returning to their deserted  
wives or going to jail to await the  
action of the grand jury. Some wo-  
men, too, leave their husbands upon  
slight pretexts and remove to other  
places, when suits for divorce follow.

ANOTHER  
MR. DOMBEY.

The bitter disappointment which  
little Florence Dombey brought to  
her proud and stern father when she  
made her entry into his home has  
caused many of Dickens' readers to  
wonder if such cold-blooded specim-  
ens of the genus homo do really exist.  
It seems, however, that the novelist  
was drawing no unlikely picture  
when he was portraying the frigidity  
of Mr. Dombey and his cruel injustice  
to his little daughter. It seems that  
New Jersey has one of a similar  
model.

"It's a girl," they told him, and  
Adam Kulick, of Paterson, who had  
hoped for a boy, left home yesterday  
and broke the windows in a nearby  
saloon.

## AN ALLY BATTLEGROUND

(Baltimore American)  
Where will the great offensive of  
the Allies be fought, if such offen-  
sive shall be possible with the Ger-  
mans centering their attention so  
doggedly upon Verdun? The action  
about Verdun, that has continued  
close to three months, shows no sign  
of flagging. Yet Germany has  
achieved no more than the taking of  
some narrow and detached strips of  
territory, including hilltops and  
trenches, that do not bear directly  
upon the fortifications of Verdun. It  
has done no more than nibble at the  
vast fortifications that have been its  
coveted prize.

The French are not the least dis-  
turbed, apparently, over the pros-  
pects for the fall of Verdun. There  
is no fortification that cannot be re-  
duced by the big-caliber guns. There  
and no fortifications that compare  
with the temporary works of the  
trench burrowers. The entire arc  
hundred and ten or twenty miles be-  
tween Verdun and Paris represent  
just so much fighting ground similar  
to that for the possession of a few  
yards of which the Germans have  
time and again sacrificed vast num-  
bers of men and caused approxi-  
mately similar losses to their foe.

Hence there is reason to believe  
that the Allies have been choosing a  
battle ground to attack the German  
line at some other point, and that  
the German race to keep them occu-  
pied at Verdun will not succeed.  
Where and when this new outbreak  
with the Allies upon the offensive,  
will occur who can say?

## THAT BORROWED BOOK

(Danville Register)  
Many a library has a broken set of  
books and some of them have more  
than one. These are all due to the  
book borrowing habit, or rather to  
the almost universal tardiness in re-  
turning to its owner a volume bor-  
rowed from him. Almost any family  
which will take the small trouble to  
examine the books found in their  
homes will find at least one that be-  
longs to some other person. Even  
when one finds the borrowed volume  
which he intends to return "right  
away," he puts it off, and the borrow-  
ed volume lingers. The real owner  
of the book laments it, and in many  
cases cannot recall precisely who bor-  
rowed it. Sometimes it breaks a valu-  
able set and cannot be replaced at  
all in the edition and binding of the  
remaining volumes.

Let's have a book returning day.  
And what better day is there for  
such a celebration than today? None  
of us can say what we will do to-  
morrow. So many things may arise to  
prevent our carrying out a vague  
good intention. The friend has done  
enough in lending us his book. Surely  
we owe him the small appreciation  
of returning it.

Return all your borrowed books to-  
day, ease your conscience and inci-  
dentally make some one else happy  
by the return.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

The New York Tribune yesterday  
editorially announces its sup-  
port of Col. Roosevelt for the Re-  
publican nomination.

In anticipation of a strike of more  
than 15,000 men and boys employed  
by the Standard Oil Company, heavy  
details of police were rushed to Con-  
stable Hook, near Bayonne, N. J.,  
yesterday to guard property and pre-  
vent rioting.

Three persons—one man and two  
children, were killed and many hous-  
es at Nemours, eight miles from Blue-

field, W. Va., are in ruins following  
the destruction of the du Pont Pow-  
der Company plant by four terrific ex-  
plosions yesterday morning.

The British steamship Orbita has  
succeeded in deceiving two German  
commerce raiders into a trap and both  
have been sunk by H. M. S. Cumber-  
land according to a dispatch from  
Valparaiso. The raiders were sunk  
somewhere between the Strait of  
Magellan and the Falkland Islands.

A British Mesopotamia force, com-  
posed of troops, transferred from the  
Dardanelles, was repulsed by Turk-  
ish troops in a sanguinary battle  
lasting six hours near Felahie on  
April 8, according to a Turkish head-  
quarters' report. The statement adds  
that more than 3,000 dead British  
were counted after the battle.

Cyanide of potassium, one of the  
deadliest of poisons, was found in  
many of the small streams in the  
Sierra Madre when the American  
forces first marched through that sec-  
tion on the hunt for Pancho Villa and  
his bandits. Carcasses of dead ani-  
mals had also been dragged into many  
of the water courses to contaminate  
the supply.

Mrs. Cora Wolter, whose fatal  
beauty is said to have driven her first  
husband to suicide and her second  
to try to kill her and himself, is re-  
ported out of danger in Bridgeport,  
Conn. Louis Wolter, her husband,  
died in the hospital from the bullet  
he fired into his right temple. Wolter  
was a son of a wealthy cigar manu-  
facturer of Chicago.

Mabel Copenhaver, 15 years old,  
was forced at the point of a revolver  
to go into a woods near Jefferson in  
the vicinity of York, Pa., yesterday  
afternoon and assaulted by an un-  
known man. Fifty farmers are scour-  
ing the hills. The victim of the as-  
sault says her assailant carried a  
hatchet in his belt and was dressed  
like a telephone lineman. Neighbors  
are incensed and if the man is found  
he may be lynched.

The Birmingham, Ala., police yes-  
terday sought Henry D. East, for-  
merly of Chattanooga, charged with  
forcing his way into the home of  
Young A. Neal, a member of the Bir-  
mingham high school faculty, late  
Tuesday night and perhaps fatally  
wounding Neal in the presence of  
his bride. A note found in a suit  
case said to be the property of East  
said that he shot Neal because he was  
infatuated with the bride and was  
disappointed over her marriage. Mr.  
and Mrs. Neal were married about  
three weeks ago. Mrs. Neal formerly  
was Miss Belle Cooley, of Chattan-  
ooga. East was said to have been at  
Hopewell, Va., when he learned of the  
marriage of Neal and Miss Cooley.

The jury in the breach of promise  
case of Miss Lona Elizabeth Gar-  
mang against J. M. Henderson, jr.,  
of Washington, D. C., yesterday in  
Bangor, Maine, found for Miss Gar-  
mang in the sum of \$75,000 and the  
case goes now to the law court to  
pass upon the question of Henderson's  
liability, his guilt or innocence. The  
jury assessed the amount of dam-  
ages, the court to decide as to wheth-  
er Henderson is legally liable. In a  
former trial, Miss Garmang received  
a verdict of more than \$100,000  
against Henderson, who is the son of  
a former United States Senator,  
but the verdict was set aside by the  
law court.

ALEXANDRIA  
Gazette

Washington, D. C.  
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Leaders Then — Leaders Now

Your  
Spring Hat  
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Beautiful creations in every-  
thing that is new in spring  
millinery. A large variety of  
the newest shapes and styles,  
trimmed after Fashion's later  
dictates—hemp, milan hems,  
lisere hems, pineapple straws,  
also straw and satin combi-  
nations, and all satin hats—in  
every wanted color, is included  
in our wonderful assortment.  
Comparison will convince you  
that it is wise to buy your mil-  
linery here.  
2nd Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Westminster Troop No. 1 Boy Scout's  
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Mrs. Constance Goodman of  
Washington, D. C.

In an "Evening of Recital in Negro  
Dialect and Reading

Assisted by several well known Alex-  
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Tickets ..... 15c

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(second floor) suitable for gentle-  
man and wife or two gentlemen,  
one large middle room, one back  
room; good table, early breakfast;  
all modern conveniences, terms rea-  
sonable 220 N. Columbus. 12-3t.

WANTED—\$1,600 Loan, first trust  
property worth \$3,300. Robert El-  
liott, P. O. Box No. 74 Alexan-  
dria, Va. 121 South Royal St. 11-3t

LOST OR STRAYED—One dark bay  
horse 8 years old. Return to Jack-  
son Goins, 427 West Street. 10-

LOST—On Patrick street, or Duke,  
between Patrick and Alfred, an  
underbody with crocheted yoke. Re-  
ward if returned to Hospital.

H. E. WEBB—Fine paperhanging  
and interior decorating, good work  
and lowest prices. All work guar-  
anteed. Window shades made to  
order, 921 King street. 7-1m.

WANTED—Solicitors for roofing pur-  
poses. Address B. P. Snyder, Manas-  
sas, Va., or the Alexandria Ga-  
zette. 6-13-20.

FOR SALE—One 1913 Overland (5  
passenger) just overhauled. One  
1914 King, first class condition. Two  
1914 Fords, good as new. Bargains  
if sold quick. Fletcher-Demaine Co.,  
123 South Alfred St.

FOR SALE OR RENT—315 South  
Pitt street, 7 room and bath, wash-  
house, large yard, cellar, hot-air  
heat, apply to S. D. DeVaughan,  
209 N. Royal St. 31-2w.

METAL GARAGE—For rent, \$3.00  
per month. Apply T. M. Cragg,  
527 N. Columbus Street.

WANTED—Antique square and up-  
right pianos, Hugo Worch, No. 1110  
G street, Washington, D. C. 18tf

FOR RENT—Houses 405, 409, 411,  
N West St., 6 rooms and bath \$14.  
per month. 1315 Princess street, 6  
rooms and bath. \$13.50; 1317, 6  
rooms \$12.00; Water rent included.  
Keys at Leachman and Saum store  
Cor. Queen and Payne Street.

WANTED — Wanted to hear from  
owner of good farm for sale. Send  
cash price and description. D. F.  
Bush, Minneapolis, Minn.  
M.4-18. A1-5-29 M.20.

## NOTICE.

The regular meeting of the stock-  
holders of the The Lincoln Land and  
Improvement Company, of Washing-  
ton, D. C., Incorporated, for the  
election of officers and directors, and  
such other business as may properly  
come before the meeting will be held  
on Wednesday, April 12, 1916, at its  
office, 111 S. Fairfax street, Alexan-  
dria, Va., Polls open from 3 to 4 p.  
m. T. E. BIDDLE, Sec.

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Latest 50c  
Books

S. F. DYSON & BRO  
Booksellers — Stationers  
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Blankets,  
Quilts, Rugs  
Etc. Cleansed

by new Ammoniated Steam  
and Vacuum Process.

Banner Laundry  
Alexandria Va.  
Established 1903.

## COUNTRY PROSPEROUS

Financial prosperity and strength  
is greater in the United States to-  
day than ever before and is rising  
rapidly to new levels, according to the  
interpretation placed by the com-  
troller of the currency on figures  
made public yesterday, showing con-  
ditions March 7, the date of the last  
bank call, in the country's national  
banks. Here is what the returns show:  
Total resources of national banks:  
\$13,538,000,000 an increase of \$2,271,  
000,000 or 20 per cent within a year.  
Total deposits, \$10,790,000,000 an  
increase of \$2,198,000,000, or nearly 25  
per cent within a year, and an in-  
crease of \$411,000,000 since Decem-  
ber 31, last.

An increase of \$990,000,000 in loans  
and discounts within a year.  
Surplus and undivided profits of

\$1,031,278,000, an increase of \$18,000-  
000.

WASHINGTON-VIRGINIA  
RAILWAY CO.

In effect June 21, 1915.  
Subject to Change Without Notice.  
Leave Alexandria For Washington—  
Daily Except Sundays and Holidays—  
A. M.—5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40,  
6 55, 7 10, 7 30, 7 40, 7 50, 8 00;  
8 10, 8 20, 8 40, 9 00, 9 20, 9 40, 10 00;  
10 20, 10 40, 11 00, 11 20, 11 40, Noon  
12 00.  
P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40,  
2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00;  
4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40;  
7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 20, 9 00, 9 20;  
10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55.  
Sundays and Holidays, same as above  
except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20,  
6 40, 7 10, 7 30, 7 50 and 8 10 A. M.  
and 12 55 P. M.  
Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.  
A. M.—Week Days—5 25, 6 55, 7 55,  
8 55, 10 20, 11 30—P. M.—12 35, 1 35,  
2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 8 52,  
10 20, 11 50.  
Sundays as above except 6 55 and  
8 55 A. M. and 11 50 P. M.

Oysters In All Styles At The Ram-  
mel Cafe.

## Richmond-Surprise Theaters

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

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Paramount pictures present  
the distinguished dramatic ar-  
tiste, Henrietta Crosman in

The Unwelcomed Mrs.  
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A dramatic illustration of the  
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## FRIDAY

Daniel Frohman presents Mary  
Pickford supported by an all  
star cast in

## A Good Little Devil

Paramount—Five Parts.

## Surprise

Helen Weir supported by Fran-  
cis Joyner, Helen Greene and  
Clarence Jay Elmer in

## The Uplift

Robert Ellis, Arthur Albertson  
and Richard Purdon in  
The Guiding Hand

George M. Anderson in  
Essanay.

## The Man in Him

## FRIDAY

Helen Holmes in

## The Girl and The Game

Chapter 14, "Helen Race  
Against Time"  
Two parts.

SWAN BROS.  
Trunks, Suit Cases  
& Traveling Bags

We are now showing a large shipment of the re-  
liable 'Rountree' trunks, suit cases and traveling  
bags.

Every 'Rountree' Trunk is guaranteed against  
breakage for seven years.

Trunks, \$5.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00  
Ward Robe Trunks, up to \$18.00  
Steamer Trunks, \$2.93, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.  
Suit Cases, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$8.00  
\$10.00, \$12.00.  
Traveling Bags, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00  
\$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00.  
Trunk Straps, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

## FOR SALE

One of the choicest and best built Brick Dwellings in the City of Alex-  
andria, centrally located, containing eight rooms and every modern con-  
venience, including hot water heat, electric lights and concreted cellar.  
Metal Garage in rear. Inspection of this property by permit only.

Out of town owner will sell three two-story frame dwellings 213, 215  
and 217 South Peyton Street, just below Prince Street, at a bargain  
price and on very reasonable terms. These houses are renting for \$5.00  
per month each, and show a 15 per cent investment.

Washington owner has authorized me to sell that desirable three-story  
Brick Dwelling 626 King Street, near Washington Street, at a special  
price for a limited period. Finest location in the city for two modern  
store rooms, apartments or office rooms, for which there is an active de-  
mand.

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